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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Governor Nelson Rockefeller telephoned the Director on 14 July and invited him to brief the Gubernatorial Conference to be held in Puerto Rico 1 through 5 August on the Communist threat and how it affects the United States.

The Director advised Governor Rockefeller that he sincerely appreciated this invitation, would like to accept since he knew a number of the Governors attending. However, he would first want to check it with the President. The Director also made it clear to Governor Rockefeller that CIA is a bipartisan Agency and he would prefer, if possible, to also receive an invitation from Governor Leroy Collins of Florida who will head the Conference. Governor Rockefeller said he clearly understood the Director's position and undertook to get in touch with Governor Collins after the Director had discussed this matter with the President (assuming, of course, that the President approves the Director attending).

Governor Rockefeller also asked the Director about releasing to the public a talk Mr. Dulles gave in Albany, New York on 6 July before the New York State Defense Council. The Director said much as he would like to agree to this, he could not since a number of the facts and figures contained in his talk had been obtained from classified sources. Governor Rockefeller noted he thoroughly understood and told the Director he would destroy his copy of the Director's speech. The Director advised Governor Rockefeller there would always be a copy on hand in CIA should he ever have need to refer to it again.

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